

## Human-Computer Interaction and Information Management (HCI&IM)

**NITRD Agencies:** NSF, DoD Service research organizations, NIH, DARPA, NASA, AHRQ, NIST, NOAA, EPA  
**Other Participants:** GSA, NARA

HCI&IM R&D aims to increase the benefit of computer technologies to humans, particularly the science and engineering R&D community. To that end, HCI&IM R&D invests in technologies for mapping human knowledge into computing systems, communications networks, and information systems and back to human beings, for human analysis, understanding, and use. R&D areas include: cognitive systems, data analysis in fields such as human health and the environment, information integration, multimodal and automated language translation, robotics, and user interaction technologies.

### Highlights of the President's 2007 Request

#### *Strategic Priorities Underlying This Request*

homeland security, air-traffic control, emergency planning and response, health care, space exploration, weather forecasting, and climate prediction. To advance these priorities, HCI&IM R&D is needed in:

**Information accessibility, integration, and management:** Next-generation methods, tools, and technologies to

heterogeneous information (e.g., science and engineering research data, Federal records). These capabilities will help human analysts make better use of all available information resources in the pursuit of new

**Remote Sensing Information Gateway:** Global Earth Observation Systems of Systems (GEOSS) demonstration project to share and integrate Earth observational data with initial applications to support air quality goals – EPA, with NASA, NIH, NOAA

**Text Retrieval Conference (TREC):** Continue evaluations of information-discovery technologies with tracks on Web retrieval, retrieval of documents for genomics research, question answering, personalized retrieval, and a new legal track – DTO, NIST, NSF, with NARA

***Planning and Coordination Supporting Request***

**National workshop on information integration R&D:** Identify key issues for coordinated research such as interoperability, privacy, security, and standards to advance utility of heterogeneous, multimodal information environments – NSF, AHRQ, DoD (ONR), EPA, NARA, with NIST, GSA, other HCI&IM agencies

**Drug information and standards:** Build system to obtain drug information with standardized definitions and in standardized formats from manufacturers, approve and transmit the information to Federal Web sites, including mapping clinical vocabularies to standard terminologies, and meta data registries of data standards terms –